



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 12-01-10

PURA INVESTIGATION INTO THE TREE TRIMMING PRACTICES OF  
CONNECTICUT'S UTILITY COMPANIES

### NOTICE OF TECHNICAL MEETING

(March 27, 2014)

A technical meeting of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority) in above-referenced docketed matter will be held at the offices of the Authority, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut, on **Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.** The record in this docket was reopened by Decision of the Authority dated January 28, 2014, pursuant to Sections 4-181a and 16-9 of the General Statutes of Connecticut. The United Illuminating Company (UI) requested that the Authority convene a technical meeting prior to rendering a final Decision in the above captioned docket, in order to further review its Vegetation Management Plan. At the technical meetings and public information sessions held by the Authority on March 5 and 6, 2014, the Authority received new information and comments by UI and The Connecticut Light and Power Company [CL&P; collectively, electric distribution companies (EDCs)] and many other participants. The Authority received thoughtful comments and reactions from many concerned citizens, abutting property owners, local tree wardens, environmental advocates, state and local elected officials, and members of the Governor's Vegetation Management Task Force.

Upon receipt and review of the information from comments in this docket, the Authority hereby requests that CL&P and UI voluntarily suspend their Enhanced Tree Trimming programs, including but not limited to the removal of entire trees except for hazardous trees, pending a Final Decision in this docket. The Authority requests CL&P and UI to respond in writing to this request for voluntary suspension within three business days of this Notice. The Authority does not seek a suspension of routine vegetation management activities.

The purpose of the technical meeting will be to further review the EDCs' Vegetation Management Plans and the effect due to tree removals. The meeting will also review the EDCs' explanation and coordination of tree trimming projects with local officials prior to any trimming projects, and how such actions can be improved. The Authority needs to ensure the careful review and inclusion of the input from citizens, tree wardens, local officials, Department of Transportation officials and abutting property owners in determining the reasonable scope of vegetation management. This technical meeting is being conducted as part of the Authority's ongoing investigation of the tree trimming plans and practices of Connecticut's utility

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companies, including review of prior orders, decisions and authorizations issued by the Authority.

The public may call the Authority's offices, at 860-827-1553, option 4 (using a touch tone phone), commencing each day from 7:30 a.m., to be advised as to whether this technical meeting or any event has been cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather.

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Dated at New Britain, Connecticut this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicholas E. Neeley".

Nicholas E. Neeley  
Executive Secretary

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Notice filed with the Secretary of the State on March 11, 2014.